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US Army Installation Management Command
Headquarters, US Army Garrison, Fort Buchanan
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**RE: Final approval, April 2015 Final Corrective Measures Study
Sites 2, 3, 9, 11 12, Army Garrison-Fort Buchanan, Bayamón, Puerto Rico
EPA ID No. PR1210099999**

Dear Mr. Negrón:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed the review process of the April 2015 Final Corrective Measures Study (CMS) for Sites 2, 3, 9, 11 and 12 located at the Army Garrison Fort Buchanan in Bayamón, Puerto Rico. EPA considers that the Final CMS is acceptable and adequately describes the remedial approaches that would be implemented to address soil contamination at these Sites. On May 14, 2015, EPA issued Conditional Approval of the Final CMS pending public review and comments.

On July 9, 2015 a notice inviting the public to comment on the proposed remedy for the Sites was published by EPA on the *El Nuevo Día* newspaper. The Army published additional notices, in both English and Spanish, on the same newspaper on July 15, 2015. A 30-day public comment period on the proposed remedy was opened from July 27 to August 27, 2015. A public meeting was also held in the San Juan Marriot Hotel on August 6, 2015. There were fourteen (14) people that attended the meeting. The attending were representatives from EPA, PREQB, US Army Environmental Command (AEC), US Army Corp of Engineer Jacksonville District, US Army Garrison Fort Buchanan Environmental Office, and, contractors and subcontractors in the Fort Buchanan community. No comments from the public were received. Therefore, EPA is granting final approval of the Final CMS.

Please keep this letter for your records. Enclosed you will also find a copy of the *Statement of Basis* for the Remedy Decision. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact geologist David N. Cuevas at (787) 977-5856 or through electronic mail at cuevas.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'José C. Font', with a stylized flourish at the end.

José C. Font,
Director
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cc: Nilda del Mar Sanchez. Esq., Director
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Enclosures